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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)**

Notice of Availability of the Proposed Notice of Sale (NOS) for Central Gulf of Mexico

Planning Area (CPA) Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Lease Sale 231 (CPA Sale 231).

**MMAA 104000**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of the Proposed Notice of CPA Sale 231

**SUMMARY:** BOEM announces the availability of the Proposed NOS for proposed CPA Sale 231. This Notice is published pursuant to 30 CFR 556.29(c) as a matter of information to the public. With regard to oil and gas leasing on the OCS, the Secretary of the Interior, pursuant to section 19 of the OCS Lands Act, provides affected States the opportunity to review the Proposed NOS. The Proposed NOS sets forth the proposed terms and conditions of the sale, including minimum bids, royalty rates, and rental rates.

**DATES:** Affected States may comment on the size, timing, and location of proposed CPA Sale 231 within 60 days following their receipt of the Proposed NOS. The Final NOS will be published in the *Federal Register* at least 30 days prior to the date of bid opening. Bid opening currently is scheduled for March 19, 2014.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Proposed NOS for CPA Sale 231 and a “Proposed Notice of Sale Package” containing information essential to potential bidders may be

obtained from the Public Information Unit, Gulf of Mexico Region, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394. Telephone: (504) 736-2519.

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